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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 1, 2009

Claude Zobell, Treasurer
Searchlight Leadership Fund
607 14th Street NW, Suite 800                          **Response Due Date:**
Washington, DC 20005                                    **June 1, 2009**

Identification Number:     C00327395

Reference:     October Monthly Report (9/1/08-9/30/08), 12 Day Pre-General Report
               (10/1/08-10/15/08), 30 Day Post General Report (10/16/08-11/24/08),
               and Year End Report (11/25/08-12/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

       This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s)
referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of
your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the
response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional
information is needed for the following **2** items:

       **1.** Please clarify all expenditures made for "Catering," "Event
       Coordination Services," "Equipment Rental Fee" paid to "Event Rents
       Inc." and "**Catering & Travel**" on Schedule B. If a portion or all of these
       expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal
       candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B or E
       supporting Lines 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and
       office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

       **2.** Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Communications
       Consulting Services." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for
       public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) or voter drive
       activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as
       defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind
       contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly
       disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate.
       Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly
       identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the
       election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for
       Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this